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By order of DERUTRA demagnetization equipment must be installed on all ships in Russian service by 1 October 1950. New type installations will be used. Though details are unknown, the new system requires an annual reinstallation, but gives complete protection from mines.

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- 2. Since 1 July 1950, the Russians have ceased handing out any information concerning Baltic shipping lames. Pilot charts are no longer issued. All ships must await the arrival of a pilot outside harbors. At the same time, all German seamen working for the Russians, who have connections with the West, are undergoing a political checkup.
- 3. The shippards at Warnemuende and Stralsund are off limits. The Volkspolizei guards there have been replaced again by Russian soldiers. It is intended to close both these harbors to civilian shipping.
- 4. Russian motorboats and torpedoboats continuously patrol the twelve mile limit. All harbor security regulations have been intensified. Western seamen are permitted to leave ship only during a two hour daytime period. Russian guards check everyone landing or boarding vessels.
- 5. New mines are reported in the harbor of Sassnitz. All mines are anchored.
- The headquarters of the Soviet Mavy submarine fleet in the Baltic is reported to have moved to Kolberg on 1 August 1950.
- 7. Wrecks dangerous to submarines are reported in the following locations:

27.0' N 140 47.81 540 12.4° N 150 05.3°

12.5' N 150 41.5'

8. On 6 August 1950 the Soviets demolished the breakwater at Danzig harbor for unknown reasons. The geographic location of the head of the former breakwater was 54° 26.9 N, 18° 34.8' E. About one cable length east of that location, a wreck signal has been emplaced at 540 26' 55.5" N, 180 34' 52.0" E. It emits a single green flash.

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9. A new experimental training area for submarine engineer weapons has been established WAW of Momel in the area:

55° 20' 0" H 18° 55' 0" E 56° 20' 0" N 19° 31' 0" E 55° 58' 0" N 19° 03' 0" E 56° 05' 0" N 18° 41' 0" E

Present training includes the underwater installation of explosives on seaborne targets. The area was formerly used to dump armunition. Another similar training area is reported off the coast of the island of Bornholm at

55° 8' N 16° 11' E 55° 52' N 15° 50' E 55° 16' N 16° 12' E 56° 22' N 19° 45' E

Fishing and riding at anchor in that area is strictly prohibited.

The former storm buoy at 60° Ol' N, 28° 22' E has been removed since 15 July 1950.

The pilot signals at the station at 60° 05° N 26° 58° E have been discontinued.

The Soviet Mavy signal stations at 590 23.2 N, 240 02.3 E and 590 13.2 N, 230 21.7 E have been deactivated.

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